

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for deflecting sections of metal strip in a coiling plant, from a beginning guide channel into an end guide channel and from an end guide channel into a beginning guide channel, comprising a driver with a pair of driver rollers and control elements arranged downstream in strip conveyance direction, further comprising a switch that can be swiveled towards the beginning guide channel or the end guide channel, and a guide table which is swivelably supported under the switch and positionable as a wiper against the lower driver roller, wherein the switch is convexly shaped on its top and bottom sides and is flexibly arranged at the outlet end of an assigned strip transport roller-conveyor (7, 7'), such that it clears the beginning guide channel when in a raised position, and in that the guide table is concavely shaped corresponding to the bottom side of the switch, and in that an actuating mechanism each is assigned to both the switch and the guide table, wherein an acute angle end of the switch points against the conveyance

direction and a distance between the convex sides of the switch only increases in the conveyance direction.

2. (Previously presented) The deflection device according to claim 1 wherein the switch in its function as a wiper rests against the upper driver roller, and the free end of the guide table is shaped so as to provide a positive fit with the lower driver roller, thus assuming the function of a wiper.

3. (Previously presented) The deflection device according to claim 1, wherein the free end of the switch has the shape of two convex sides meeting at a point.

4. (Previously presented) The deflection device according to claim 1, wherein the outflow end of the strip transport roller-conveyor is assigned to the driver roller pair (4, 4') downstream in strip conveyance direction.

5. (Previously presented) The deflection device according to claim 1, wherein the guide surfaces of the switch and of the guide table can be equipped with glide rollers.